WHEREAS, in October, 1872, Jerry McAuley in the city of New York opened the Water Street Mission as a haven for alcoholics and transient men, being the first religious institution in North America to open its door every night of the year to the homeless, and still serve the needy; and

WHEREAS, the spirit and work of Jerry McAuley spread the length and breadth of North America, and to many parts of the world with Gospel-Rescue Missions springing up to meet the physical, spiritual, and material needs of thousands of persons in most cities over 50,000 in population; and

WHEREAS,350 Gospel-Rescue Missions on the North American continent, members of the International Union of Gospel Missions serve millions of meals yearly to the hungry, house over two million, distribute over two and one half million items of clothing, as well as offer a variety of youth services, alcoholic treatment programs, family care, family services, parole placements, child care, adoptions, counselling, etc. to the people of America and have now for 100 years showed willingness to serve mankind; and

WHEREAS, Gospel-Rescue Missions have become a place of new beginning for thousands of individuals including many renowned leaders:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim 1972 as the

HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
OF
THE GOSPEL-RESCUE MISSION MOVEMENT

and designate October as

NATIONAL GOSPEL-RESCUE MISSION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 4th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

DATE MICROFILMED CAMERA OPERATOR